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Belleville DDA considers new design for 4th Street in front of new library

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Should the piece of Fourth Street that will lead from Main Street to the new library be made into a grassy lawn space or should a one-way street lead from Main to the library entrance and then to the new 89-space public parking lot and the alley?

"We want feedback before putting pen to paper," said Marcus McNamara of Spicer Group at the regular meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority on March 20.

McNamara, project manager, said they have looked at what's there now and have come up with some options for the DDA to sleep on. Also present at the meeting was Spicer Senior Project Manager Phil Westmoreland, P.E.

McNamara said the buildings on Fourth Street are close to the roadway. He suggested continuing the work from the Fourth Street Square, including stone walls, planters and the compass on the paving.

He said Fourth Street could be one way to the library with an 18' driveway, with parallel parking on the west side and angle parking on the east side. The drive would be one way to the parking lot behind the businesses.

Do they want maximum parking spaces or a pedestrian mall feel. Would the area be blocked off periodically for events. If so, he warned, curbs are trip hazards so there would have to be ramps and pedestrian paths.

Do they want green space? Trees? A rain garden, which would be depressed? Raised planters, which would not be good for events.

"The visual into the library is important," McNamara said, "coordinating the area to make sure the library front door is noticeable."

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

Band students from throughout the school district were honored by the Van Buren Board of Education at Monday's meeting. They are: Ariana Seward, Kody Grube, and Hannah Costa of Belleville High School; Morgan Cates, Vanessa Slone, Samantha Pause, Seth Campbell, and Rachel Riley of McBride Middle School; Zariah Campbell, Connor Sykes, and Hunter Novakovich of Owen Intermediate; Antoine Cannon, Giselle Smith, Amira El Haddi, and Reina El Haddi of Edgemont; Vermontay Love, Autumn Alley, Ami Rice, and Isaias Ibarra-Reyes of Rawsonville; Christian Cook, Zoe Grullon, Tiffany Huffman, and Katherine Loria of Savage; and Antonio Iacopelli, and Aniyah Snow of Tyler. The students shook hands with board members before receiving their certificates.

Davenport low bidder on school media centers

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Davenport Brothers Construction of Belleville was the low bidder for general contracting services for this summer's media center renovation project at Owen and McBride schools.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education Davenport was selected to do the work that will begin on the day school lets out for the summer and be completed by the end of August.

Davenport's bid was \$596,715.54, lowest of six competitive bids. Abatement remediation went to Sloan Environmental Services of Taylor, lower of two bids, for \$64,000. The project has a contingency fund of \$40,000, making the total from the Sinking Fund almost exactly at the estimated \$700,716.

"Initially, we budgeted for a facelift, but as we got closer to beginning, we decided we needed to do more," said the memo to the board from Director of Plant Operations James Williams and Senior Consultant for Plante Moran Cresa Rob Kakoczki.

"We decided to change the plan and began an extensive design process visiting surrounding school districts that have also done recent renovations. The committee agreed that they wanted a 21st learning center environment with more flexible spaces, not a traditional one which is what both schools have now."

The two school principals spoke in support of the project, with McBride Principal John Leroy saying this will be flexible space for the next 10-15 years and calling it "a really cool space – more than just a space to check-out books."

Owen Principal Melissa Lloyd said the staff and students were really involved in the design process and it will be "a space to realize all our needs."

"More thinking outside the box," said School Supt. Pete Kudlak.

The architect showed how the media coach will be in the center of the space and there will be bright colors, new kinds of furniture, with special floors, walls, and higher ceiling – "spaces for different kinds of learning."

He said the current media centers are in

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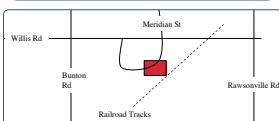
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Court Watching:

Scott Settles bound over for trial on terrorism charge

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On March 20, 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green bound Scott William-Samuel Settles, 43, of Belleville over to Wayne County Circuit Court on five charges, including terrorism.

He is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on April 3 to face trial. He is free after posting bond of \$10,000/10%.

Settles is charged with using a rifle to threaten the bartender and patrons at Egan's Pub in Belleville just before closing time on Dec. 18.

Representing Settles at the March 20 preliminary exam before Judge Green was Joseph Hall. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor was Megan Mathews.

The charges are:

- Terrorism, a felony with a possible 20-year and/or \$20,000 sentence;
- Carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, a felony with a possible 5-year and/or \$2,500 sentence;
- Felony firearm, a felony with a possible sentence of 5 years and/or \$2,500;
- Possession of a firearm while under the influence, a misdemeanor with possible sentence of 93 days and/or \$500; and
- Brandishing a firearm in public, misdemeanor with possible sentence up to one year and fine of \$500.

The terrorism charge was added before the exam and defense attorney Hall said his client was waiving exams on the four other charges, but would have the exam on the terrorism charge.

Mary Elizabeth Winter was the first witness for the prosecution. She said the incident happened at 11:30 p.m., Dec. 18, at Egan's Pub, which was to close at midnight. She said they had issued last call.

Winter said Settles was a good customer of the bar where she worked as bartender. She said Settles had a verbal disagreement with another man who was there and, "I asked him to leave."

She said Settles got angry with her and said that if she makes him leave and not the other man, too, "I'll be back and everyone in there would be dead."

She said a few minutes later she saw him outside the building across the street. She said Belleville police were called and responded.

Winter said he sent her a Facebook message instructing her to "send them out." She said she believed he was going to hurt somebody, but she didn't know who.

Prosecutor Matthews asked how far away Settles lived from the bar and she said 5-7 minutes walking. He returned in 8-10 minutes.

Under cross-examination by the defense attorney, Winter said there were seven employees in the bar and four patrons.

"I was unsure who he wanted," she testified, noting the other customers were with the other man and Settles dispute was only with her and the one man.

"I asked him to pay his tab and go home," Winter said, adding the other man also told him to, "Go. Pay your tab."

The second prosecution witness was Belleville Police Officer Matthew Vandeweghe who said he was dispatched to 396 Main St. because a man was carrying a rifle.

Officer Vandeweghe testified he observed Settles behind the bar, crouched behind a concrete pillar, in a ready-to-fire position aimed at the entrance at the rear of the bar mainly used for employees. He described the rifle as a Winchester .338 Magnum.

"I told him to come to the front of the patrol car and he did," Officer Vandeweghe said. Settles had three rounds in the magazine of the weapon and more ammunition in his vehicle parked across Main Street. "He was unlicensed to drive," Vandeweghe testified.

Under cross examination, Vandeweghe testified there was no round in the chamber of the weapon and the defendant's car, with more ammunition, was across Main Street from the bar, about 150 yards away.

Vandeweghe said he was very familiar with the weapon, a bolt-action rifle, and it shot one round at a time and then took about three seconds to be ready for the next shot.

"When he saw me, he was shocked," Vandeweghe testified. "He didn't expect the police to come." Settles put the rifle down as directed and put his hands on the police car, Vandeweghe testified. "He followed my commands. He complied," the officer testified.

When the defense attorney asked about how Settles looked, Vandeweghe said he looked like he was having some kind of mental breakdown and, "He seemed intoxicated."

Officer Vandeweghe said it appeared to be a dispute between Settles and three other people.

"I placed him in the rear of the patrol vehicle after he laid the gun down ..." he said.

Prosecutor Matthews questioned Vandeweghe who replied, "We asked him what was going on ... The gist of what happened." After completion of the Data Master test at headquarters, Settles was read his Miranda Rights and questioned, Vandeweghe said.

The prosecutor made a motion to bind Settles over on all the charges and the defense attorney objected to the terrorism count. He said the dispute with three men and an apparent felonious assault has turned into a terrorist act.

"We're not talking about Sandy Hook," defense attorney Hall said.

But Judge Green said the defendant said everyone would be dead.

Hall said when his client said to send "them" out, it was in reference to the three.

Judge Green said the bartender didn't think she was safe.

Hall disagreed, saying his client wasn't a threat to the civilian population.

"We've seen it," Judge Green said, noting the defendant threatened to go into the pub establishment and take everyone out. Then she bound Settles over to circuit court on all of the charges.

She reminded Settles that he had a no-contact order for the bar and two bartenders.

Marquise Anthony Latell Kane

Judge Green bound Marquise Anthony Latell Kane, 22, over to circuit court for an April 3 arraignment on the information after a preliminary exam on three charges: assault with a dangerous weapon, home invasion-2nd degree, and larceny of less than \$200.

Kane is free after posting bond of \$20,000/10%.

The only witness was Cynthia Burns who testified that between 5 and 6 p.m. on Feb. 4, she came home from work and found Kane in her Van Buren Township apartment home. She said she has known him for four years and they have children together. He had been living with her, she testified, but he left on Jan. 1 of his own free will.

"He was trying to make up with me," she testified concerning the Feb. 4 incident, saying he broke in her back door, knocking the doorknob off, which he has done before.

She testified they argued, he put his hands on her neck, and chased her around with a butcher knife and another longer knife from the kitchen and threatened to stab her.

She said he had her phone and car keys and she tried to get them back. She said he pushed her to the ground outside, really hard, and then took off on his bicycle. One of her neighbors called the police.

She said he stole \$120 out of her wallet.

When he left on Jan. 1 he told her he took everything he wanted and whatever he left he didn't want, she testified. She said he has a no-contact order with her.

It was pointed out that she was reluctant to testify as a witness, but she was

subpoenaed.

Burns testified she threw a mail holder at him and it missed and broke on her door. It had been mounted on the wall inside the apartment next to the door.

She said he had been trying to cook dinner for her.

After the prosecutor made a motion to bind the charges over to circuit court, retained defense attorney Sandra White objected, stating, "She is making this up."

Howard Oliver Blalock

After a preliminary exam, Judge Green bound Howard Oliver Blalock, 46, over to circuit court for an April 3 arraignment on the information on charges of assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Maurice Flannery of Belleville was the only witness brought by Prosecutor Mathews. Flannery said at 10:30 p.m. Feb. 23, he called for a Lyft ride from Mike's restaurant outside New Boston to go home to Belleville.

When Blalock arrives, Flannery asked if he could smoke in his car and Blalock said no. Flannery said he agreed with the car's owner to not have smoking, but he commented that it smelled like somebody had been smoking weed in there.

That's when the driver became agitated, Flannery testified. He said Blalock was raising his voice and in a conversation with himself about how his daughter smokes medical marijuana.

"He was getting more aggressive and rolling the window down," Flannery testified. Then he asked Blalock to drop him off at the church, which he did. As he was heading across the street towards home, he heard footsteps behind him and Blalock was behind him and hit him with a crowbar three times.

Entered into evidence was a picture of Flannery's head, "bleeding like a pig," and a picture with blood on his face. He was hospitalized, he testified.

He said he had dinner and one beer at the restaurant with friends and he had a date that canceled so he needed to get home.

Under cross-examination by retained defense attorney Jamil Khuja, the attorney questioned him about a pending preliminary exam for home invasion third degree, which Judge Green said had been dismissed. Flannery said he had been convicted of arguing with his son and daughter.

Khuja asked if he argued with the driver about smoking in the car and the GPS route he took and Flannery said he didn't argue

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Board table still a bone of contention in Sumpter Township

The \$3,024.54 payment to Jeffrey Lominac, Jr. for the new board table was removed from the warrant list at the Sumpter Township regular board meeting on Tuesday.

Treasurer Ken Bednark objected to paying for the table until it was installed, so they could see it first. Other board members agreed and the payment was removed from the list of bills for payment.

The reason given for paying Lominac before seeing his work was because it would "create a hardship" for him if he had to wait another two weeks.

Bednark said if \$3,000 creates a hardship for a contractor, how much capital funding does this contractor have if there is a problem with his work?

He said for the board to pay him now would have other contractors whining for payment as soon as they put down their hammers. "We have not seen the table," he said. Trustee Tim Rush said the township's payment terms are "net 30."

Finance Director Scott Holtz said the past practice is to approve and then wait to release the check. "I would rather have the board make that decision," Bednark said and the rest of the board agreed.

At the end of the meeting, Eric Partridge asked about the additional \$2,800 added for granite to put on the board table and who approved that? The \$6,500 board table is up to \$9,400 now, he said. He got no answers. The table was to be installed March 27. Hope it's beautiful.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Linda Stakley sent us a message on scams: "Everyone is aware of the robo callers using phony numbers and names. This week was the first time we received calls labeled with Walmart (734-258-3243) and Meijers (699-????) beginning with "your order is ready" and then goes on about needing confirmation and press a number to connect to a customer service agent.

"The other one begins similarly but goes into your knee/back brace you ordered is ready. Since this is what we expect when you are waiting for the pharmacy to call, we naturally answer. We have even had calls labeled UM Michigan. We are on the do-not-call list but still get about six calls a day. Just letting you know."

Thanks for the alert. This is another example of the many scam calls in our community and the need to be very careful.

Bob Balderston of Belleville, whose letter on recycling was published in the March 14 *Independent*, returned an email I wrote to him with: "... Funny, this morning I was reading that most of pop can recyclers have gotten out of that business, as well, being it is more profitable to make aluminum sheet rolls for industry (cars, planes, etc.) than for cans.

"Every two weeks I put out clean and separated plastics in big lawn and leaf bags, so as to make it easier to take and recycle. I saw on several occasions the recycle guy toss the contents into my trash cans. It is sad, when we are always being shamed about the climate change and what we can do, and have been living this huge lie. As much as I hate regulation, unless



the government steps in, there will be no rules, nor reasons to recycle our waste. It all comes down to dollars, and without a profit to be made, industry will be slow to change, if at all."

At its meeting last week, the Belleville DDA got pictures of the ten outdoor sculptures coming at the end of May to locations in the City of Belleville and Van Buren Twnshp. This year, there are five in the city and five in the township. The VBT DDA is paying for the five in the township. The township's fifth sculpture this year will be at the township hall. It's bright red and is named "Spring Time Promise."

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said there is \$50,000 budgeted this year for the former DNR property on the lake the township purchased. He said that will be used this summer for a traffic study and confirmation of the soil borings the library did when they were hoping for a library on the lake. He said they probably would only use \$20,000 of the \$50,000 set aside.

These comments were made at the March 18 VBT work/study session when Trustee Reggie Miller asked about the "Lake House."

Supervisor McNamara said the board would have to decide what to do with the site, but, "That soil is excellent to build on." He said new borings next to the library borings will confirm that.

Trustee Sherry Frazier said a traffic study was done there in 2016-17 for the library, but it was not turned over to the county. McNamara said it is out of date.

"We don't know what we can build until we get these studies," he said. "We want to know, or guess, what we're going to do there to get a grant. You can change your mind later. That's how it works."

We received an update, through March 8, on the cleanup at the Luckey site in Ohio. So far, there have been 767 truckloads of soil disposed of – that's 12,747 tons at 5-8 truckloads a day – most at the Wayne Disposal Facility in VBT. They note one trip to the disposal facility is 72.5 miles. Site excavation is 8% complete. It's expected to take more than 10 years to complete, beginning in 2017.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, is excavating soils contaminated with beryllium, lead, and naturally occurring radioactive materials (radium, thorium, and uranium). The site is a former beryllium production facility the Atomic Energy Commission operated in the 1950s as part of the national defense program.





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Letters

I am so happy that Mr. Cartwright found Ski

To the editor:

What a story! I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Cornell Anton for writing the "Paul Cartwright remembers Vietnam - and Ski" story in the March 21, 2019 edition. This picture of Ski was featured in the last episode of Ken Burns' "The Vietnam War."

I can only imagine the frightening, life-threatening and, yes, life-sacrificing experiences our dear soldiers experienced during that terrible war. I am so happy that Mr. Cartwright has found Ski and that they are both alive. I thank GOD for watching over them and bringing them both home to American soil. What a reunion!

How well I remember reading the daily reports of the Vietnam War. We watched the horrors on movie theatre screens and as the March 28th article reminded us, there were many experiences they "would rather forget." I recall most vividly the FAKE NEWS of that era. Yes, the Vietnam war and the '60s revolution was the birth of FAKE NEWS - when we American citizens were daily fed DISrespect for our soldiers.

When our Vietnam veterans returned home, they were greeted with and witnessed gross displays of DIShonor --even spit upon! We true Americans hung our heads in shame and to this day, I feel shame and pain.

It saddens me terribly to know that a majority of today's students are NOT reading and being taught respect and appreciation for the many thousands of our military who have made the supreme sacrifice for our "taken-for-granted" freedoms.

I wonder -- is American History being taught in our schools today? Do parents of this generation talk to their children about FREEDOM, FAITH, RESPECT and HONOR? If the day comes when we forget or diminish our past victories and failures, either deliberately or otherwise, we surely are bound to repeat them!
GOD BLESS AMERICA.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

I disagree with having bees at the library

To the editor:

I disagree with having bees at the library because some children are highly allergic and if they get stung, they could die.

I am also highly allergic and have to carry an EpiPen with me at all times. This means that an EpiPen may have to be kept on-site in case of emergencies and several people would need to be trained in giving the shot.

Plus, it would bring more bees to the downtown area where many sweets are consumed (Frosty Boy, Music in the Park) which would become a nuisance for future

events.

It's a library that should be accessible to everyone, somewhere they feel safe, not worried about possible death. It's a library not a Bee Farm.

Kelley Flange
Van Buren Township

VFW to mark 75 years with 105mm Howitzer

To the editor:

Belleville Area Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to announce that we are dedicating a remarkable piece of American history right here in Belleville. On Sept. 21, 2019, we are adding a 105mm Howitzer at our Post at 44270 Bemis Rd. It will remain on display in our community. The dedication event will begin at 1 p.m. At the same time celebrate the Post's 75 years of service to the community.

This event will also be a fund raiser for the organization. The VFW provides Honor Guard services, school programs, emergency relief, Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarships, Bugles Across America, the Memorial Day event, and many other community support activities.

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To the editor:

Re: 2019 Community Resource Guide

I would like to personally thank Ashley Shukait of Ashley Shukait Consulting LLC for her time and efforts taken to compile the 2019 Community Resource Guide. Not only did she do an outstanding job but included a starting point for anyone's needs. This is such a complete reference guide I hope all residents will take advantage of it.

Doreen S. Linderman
Belleville

Editor's Note: The 2019 Community Resource Guide is available on the Van Buren Township website at: <https://vanburen-mi.org/2019-community-resource-guide>.

Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

Thank you, St. Jude, for everything you've done.

A Belleville Believer

VBТ thanks Ashley Shukait for providing Resource Guide

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Ashley Shukait of Van Buren Township, a public health consultant, was thanked by the VBТ Board of Trustees at its March 19 regular meeting for providing a 75-page online 2019 Resource Guide for the public to use.

"We're all blessed because of your work," Supervisor Kevin McNamara said of the guide, which is targeted at the tri-community area of 48111 and a ten-mile radius around it.

"The school and Sumpter Township asked about it. It's nice when somebody calls and we can tell them where to go for help," he said.

The Resource Guide is on the VBТ web site and Supervisor McNamara said it's there now, but they are reformatting. He said in the past, the township had a few pages of resources to offer the public, but Shukait's list is very comprehensive.

At the end of the regular meeting, McNamara called Shukait to the podium to thank her for her work and she told how she happened to put the list together.

She said all hospitals are required to have a list and some of the information is available through basic Google searches. In small communities, however, resources available come by word of mouth.

She said she started collecting and then offered it to the township to help the public.

She was invited up to the board table so all the board members could shake her hand and thank her for her work.

In other business at the 34-minute meeting on March 19, the board:

- Heard Trustee Reggie Miller tell about the Friday Fill-up program at Trinity Episcopal Church that deals with childhood hunger. The local project is highlighted in Woman's Day magazine. The project offers food to over 100 students at a few schools so they have food on week ends, Trustee Miller said, noting there is a 15% rate of childhood hunger in Michigan. "When there's a snow day, some kids don't eat," she said. "It's a wonderful program," Trustee Sherry Frazier agreed. Later, Clerk Leon Wright set up the township hall as a collection site for food for the program.

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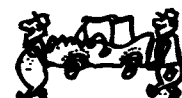
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Obituaries



Kenneth Robert Sheats

KENNETH ROBERT SHEATS

May 24, 1959 - March 23, 2019
Kenn Sheats, age 59, long-time resident of Van Buren Township, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, March 23, 2019 after a long and very courageous battle with cancer.

Kenn was born May 24, 1959 in Ann Arbor, MI, the only son of Robert & Faye (Carson) Sheats. He grew up in Saline, MI and graduated from Saline High School in 1977. Early in his career he worked in the food service industry, and 23 years ago began working at the St. Joseph Mercy Health System where he worked until his passing. He started in the emergency department and moved into a training role that allowed him to assist the employees in the facilities in Southeast Michigan to interact with patients effectively, efficiently and compassionately. He was involved in many special projects at St. Joe, including participation in the work group that designed the décor, workflows and patient processes for the new Cancer Center, utilizing his experiences with his own cancer.

He was an extremely creative, talented man who enjoyed decorating and gardening. He was an avid fan of Martha Stewart, Beekman 1802, and Chip and Joanna Gaines. His home reflects his warm and welcoming decorating talents and his garden is truly a thing of beauty.

He is survived by his loving partner of nearly 22 years David M. LaFramboise; two sisters Pamela (Doug) Jackson of Westerville, OH, and Deb Bailey of Saline, MI; his nephew; Trent (Tish) Sheats of Sterling Heights MI; niece ReBecca (Randy) Hendricks of Johnstown, OH; grandnephew Brady Sheats; and grandnieces Adeline Sheats and Shelbea Hendricks. He is also survived by numerous extended family and friends

In keeping with Kenn's wishes, dignified cremation rites have been entrusted to David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A Celebration of His Life will be held in May and will be announced soon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Mercy Health System Cancer Center or to Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

NAOMI JEAN VANOVER

June 20, 1953 - March 6, 2019
Age 66, of Shelby, North Carolina. Graveside services were held at the Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, at 11:00 AM, March 19, 2019. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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Correction:

In last week's Independent on page 4, we stated that Geof Bush and Lori Day live in Willis. They actually live in Van Buren Township. We regret the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor



Buddy Baheseg Hindy



BUDDY BAHESSEG HINDY

April 24, 1926 - March 23, 2019

Mr. Buddy Baheseg Hindy, 92, of Belleville passed away on March 23, 2019 at his home surrounded by loved ones. He was born on April 24, 1926 in Highland Park, Michigan a son of Tofil and Mary (Azar) Hindy. He was married to the love of his life, Gloria Orr, for 65 wonderful years.

Buddy was quite the boxer. He trained numerous men and women in the community and was also a boxing promoter.

He proudly served his country during the Korean War serving with the 45th Recon. Buddy was quite the frequent flyer at Sam's Place on Main Street; he loved to travel and square dancing with his wife. He was a very kind person who was always there to help someone out. Prior to his retirement he had been employed for many years at Ford Motor Company and served as a committee man.

Buddy is survived by his adoring wife Gloria, 1 sister Madeline (Billie) Houghland, and 1 brother James (Linda) Hindy. He is also survived by 24 nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

Visitation for Buddy will be held on Sunday, March 31, from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. with the rosary at 7 P.M. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI 734-697-9400. A second visitation will be held on Monday, April 1, from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M. with the funeral service at 7 P.M.

Contributions to the family for Mrs. Hindy's care would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, April 1 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 2 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 9 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, April 11 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, April 15 – Van Buren Township work/study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Auditorium. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 16 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

School Board

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buildings from the 1950s and '60s. He said the Owen media center will almost double in size because they will be able to add on the unused work area for teachers that used to be used for mimeographing.

Principal Leroy said some of the seats will be higher bar stools where students like to perch to study, which he called "the Starbucks effect."

The bookshelves will be largely mobile and there will be booth space at both schools where students can share technologies. They noted this will make a lot of work for Davenport in the summer.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-45-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard pre-planning for the proposed new bond to be decided by voters Nov. 6. Supt. Kudlak explained that with the just-accomplished refinancing of the bonds to build the high school, if voters will agree to keep paying the same taxes that they did for that bond, instead of paying a reduced tax, they can get another bond to build a child education center. Plante Moran Cresa gave a presentation showing how it can help with this project;

- Approved Kudlak's designation of James Williams as a liaison to the Office of School Safety and the School Safety Commission, an appointment now required by state law. Also, approved was the designation of each principal and himself to receive information, around the clock, about possible student emergencies from the Attorney General's hotline (OK2SAY). Also, when doing any construction, Kudlak appointed the Van Buren Police Department as the group that will give advice on safety measures;

- Approved the appointment of Sara Cortese as Director of Finance, starting March 18, with board vice president Susan Featheringill abstaining from the vote because Cortese is her daughter and, "I have a conflict of interest," she said. Cortese has been working in the administration building for four years and was one of the in-house candidates for the position, vacated recently by Shareen Barker. Kudlak said there were eight candidates in the central office group for the first round and three for the second round. He said he brought

in his friend who is a finance director in another district to help with the second round and Cortese is the top candidate. She had been filling in as director since Barker left. Cortese said she has been attending a business manager academy through Michigan State University and the most recent topic was negotiations;

- Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun discuss the tentative union contract with the Van Buren Education Association, which covers teachers. There are more than 300 teachers in the district. He emphasized the union has yet to vote on the contract, which runs through Dec. 31, 2019. First, he explained the plan to have the district become self-insured, which will save the district and the teachers money. This also will allow the raises in pay provided in the contract, he said. The contract puts \$600 more on each salary schedule starting on the Sept. 10 payday. All members shall move up one advancement level at the time and if the State Foundation allowance increases by \$100 or more per student from the 2018-19 school year, \$100 will be added to each level on the salary scale. The same if it goes up \$200 or \$300 per student. Employment incentives are allowed for teachers in critical shortage areas. The insurance program will change, but coverage will remain the same, except additional coverage will increase the chiropractic visits from 20 to 39 and include massage therapy. Those getting health insurance elsewhere will get \$2,000 a year (\$166.66 per month) in



Cortese

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Belleville High School athletes who individually competed at the state level were honored by the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education on March 11. Athletic Director Joseph Brodie speaks of their accomplishments from the microphone. From left are wrestlers Blake Williams and Jaden Rice, their coach Doug Chapman, bowler Katherine Dybicki and her coach Sam Villa, and swimmer Jack Haase, whose coach Aaron Lang was unable to be present.

School Board

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lieu of health insurance, up from \$1,500. Also, a Health Care Oversight Advisory Committee will be formed, tasked with oversight of the insurance funding, costs, stop loss and coverage offerings. Also, teachers with class sizes above the maximum will be allowed to apply for Overage Compensation. There are also

sections on sick leave, personal days and business days. McBride's FIRST Robotics Coach will get a 3% increase. Starting in the year 2020, VBEA agrees to 1,112 hours of instructional time per year, according to the contract, which is yet to be ratified. Kudlak said the tentative agreement is scheduled to be voted on by the union this week. Madjun said the raises in salaries are to make the district more competitive, since there is a shortage of teachers;

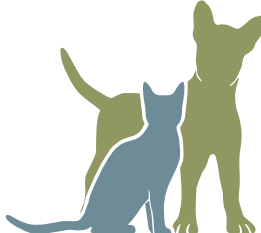
- Heard Kudlak say the next board meeting at 7 p.m., April 15, will be in the BHS Auditorium and will include his "State of the District" address, as a presentation requested by board president Keith Johnston;

- Learned BHS teacher Deb Kummer was honored by MSU with a Women in Engineering award, one of six such awards statewide; and

- Heard Kudlak explain the original last day of school was to be June 14 and it now will be June 18. He said Good Friday is still a day off. The last two days of school will be exams. He said the district had 12 days off, 11 due to the weather and one due to no power. They are allowed six days by the state and they got three excused and so have to make up three. There are some bills in Lansing that could have excused all three, but the bills have been bogged down, so they are planning to make up the three days. He said on those last two days they would need 60% of the students in school or they will have to give back some money to the state.

Trustee Amy Pearce was absent from the meeting because she was in Florida, but she sent a letter that Johnston read at the meeting.

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Court watching

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with him.

Flannery said he has short-term memory loss and headaches from the injury. He also is ADD, he said.

He testified he was uneasy and he asked Blalock to take him to the church for "protection from God." He said he did not hit Blalock and break his glasses, as the defense attorney alleged. Khuja said his client had to go to the hospital.

Flannery said he put his hands up for protection, but he did not hit Blalock in the eye with his fist.

Mathews made a motion to bind over and Khuja agreed it was a question of fact to be determined at circuit court.

Devontae Cartez Gambles

After a preliminary exam, Judge Green bound Devontae Cartez Gambles, 26, over to circuit court for trial on a charge of possession of analogs in the City of Belleville on Dec. 29.

Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham testified that he was operating a radar in his patrol car and at about 10:30 a.m. when he observed a purple 2018 Dodge Charger speeding on Belleville Road, doing 45 mph in a 30 zone. He and his partner made a traffic stop and the driver, identified as Devontae Gambles, the only person in the vehicle, said he didn't have a valid driver's license.

Officer Wickham said he smelled the odor of burnt marijuana and asked Gambles to step out of the vehicle and he was arrested and cuffed for not having a driver's license. He said they impounded and inventoried the vehicle and his partner found suspected Xanax and something else in a case on the front passenger seat, plus a bag of marijuana in Gambles' pocket.

Wickham testified that Gambles said, in a spontaneous utterance, "That's my medication," and Wickham asked him if he had a prescription. Wickham testified that Gambles replied, "I could get one."

Wickham said he checked on the statewide registry for prescriptions and found no record for Gambles. He said they sent the medication to the Michigan State Police lab and it came back as analogs.

Under cross-examination, retained defense attorney Mohammed Nasser brought out that there was no speeding citation issued and Gambles was not the registered owner of the car. It came back leased to Brendan Lockridge.

The second witness was Belleville Reserve Officer John Rourke, who testified

he and Wickham were running stationary radar at Quirk and Belleville roads when they stopped the car.

He said he found the Louis Vuitton case on the front seat with the prescriptions inside sandwich bags. He also testified that a Cartier sunglasses case was also in the bag.

Eileen Gail Green

Eileen Gail Green, 42, who is facing charges of being in possession of two financial transaction devices in Van Buren Township on July 20, had been assigned a defensive attorney by the court, but now wants to hire an attorney.

She was set to have her preliminary exam on March 20, but Judge Green adjourned the exam and gave the defendant until April 10 to hire an attorney. The court-appointed attorney said he would be back on that day in case she has no attorney.

William Raymond Pitt

William Raymond Pitt, 34, was present for his probable cause conference before Magistrate Lisa Martin on March 20 and he waived his upcoming preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court. He is lodged on bond of \$25,000/10% on charges of operating with a high blood alcohol content and operating while intoxicated on March 8 in Sumpter Township.

His arraignment on the information at circuit court is March 27. He also is being held for a violation of probation hearing on charges from 2017. His hearing is April 23 at circuit court.

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Airman 1st Class Courtney Grivas graduates from training

U.S. Air Force Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Courtney Grivas graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Grivas is the daughter of Tiyaun S. and David T. Grivas of Belleville. She is a 2018 graduate of Belleville High School.



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If there is frequent-event space having a turning radius for the fire department would have to be considered. With 6.5' sidewalks on each side, there is 46' between to work with, he said. Perpendicular parking would need 20' and parallel parking 8'. The benches, trash receptacles, or trees would take 5-6', he said.

He said they could do some drawings to see how that would fit.

McNamara said they would look into funding and grants and present drawings to the DDA with a cost estimate. He said they would have to coordinate with the library team so they would know who was doing what, when?

"Is there a way to have stamped pavement to set it off?" asked DDA coordinator Carol Thompson. She said it would be nice to have it creative, so people would know they "are coming to someplace different, not just Fourth Street."

Planning Commissioner John Juriga, who also is an elected member of the

district library board, said he remembers when Tom Fielder was mayor and there was a discussion on continuing Fourth Street Square across the street. They talked about eliminating parking and putting trees and plants in, working with the library architect.

DDA member Jason Mida said he agreed with getting rid of the parking, since there is public parking next to the library and behind the Fourth Street Square.

"Are we going to hold events there regularly?" he asked. "What's our goal for use of this space?"

The library architect had provided a drawing of what could be done.

In that drawing 8-9 parking spaces would be lost, but he noted there are 89 new spaces in the new parking lot.

When work on this area was referred to as "placemaking," DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams asked just what is placemaking.

Thompson said it was a plan for public space and was about how you could serve people. Would it be a gathering place? Be creative how they use the space? Main

Street America, a national trust, talks about placemaking.

"I'm in favor of keeping a one-way drive to the library," said DDA chairwoman Rosemary Loria, noting that decision would come from the city council.

"I would like to see it as a gathering place," said Williams.

DDA secretary Denise Baker said they want people to walk around and not just drive through town.

Williams said she was at the library for a 7 p.m. music event and went to Egan's first.

"It would have been nice to sit outside," she said.

Chairperson Loria made a quick list, with help from others, on how many events could be at this site: Harvest Fest, car show, farmer's market, outdoor events for the museum and library.

Councilman Fielder said the museum wants its Model T to come in and out of its space, but it doesn't have to be concrete.

"The more concrete gone, the better," Fielder said, noting the Rosie the Riveter group has a street dance in that area.

Sharon Peters, chairwoman of the district library board, said people could get to the library using Charles Street.

Mida said they could have events on both sides of Fourth Street, using the crosswalk on Main to get back and forth.

Fielder pointed out only one business on Fourth wouldn't have parking in front of its business. "I'd much prefer to have green space for the museum," Fielder said.

McNamara said there is no legal

obligation to provide on-street parking.

Fielder said he envisions driving down a lane with green on both sides. He said they should not put up stuff to inhibit events. He said the Iron Belle Trail is going through Belleville.

"We could have activity from Liberty Street to the library," Fielder said.

"I think it can be a very fun project for us to do," Loria said.

In other business at the March 20 meeting, the DDA:

- Heard Juriga give a report on the use of the grant given by the DDA to Music Lakeside-Arts Council. He said this is the tenth year for Music Lakeside and, altogether, the 30th year for community concerts in Belleville, including the Victory Park events. He said they used the grants to promote the nine concerts on the lake, which brought from 200 to 450 people. He said they put speakers toward the lake and at the beginning there were four boats listening on the lake and at the end of the series there were 35. He said this year's Soiree to earn money for the project is June 17. He said now the church that houses the concerts during rain events will be charging them \$150 each time;

- Heard Fielder report that Museum Director Katie Dallos is still under the weather and so he will give the report on the DDA grant to the museum. He said she had her surgeries, but now there is an infection somewhere and she is grounded for another week. He said there were a lot of people at Harvest Fest, from 350-400 in a

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Charisse Kimble of Belleville learns to live with kidney disease

By Joyce Williams
Communications Specialist

National Kidney Foundation of Michigan

For many of the 900,000 people in Michigan with chronic kidney disease or kidney failure, going to a dialysis center is a part of life.

During what can be up to a six-year wait for a kidney transplant, dialysis keeps people alive. Currently, 13,667 Michiganders are living on dialysis.

Belleville resident Charisse Kimble, 51, has been going to a dialysis center three times a week for four hours a day for the past 26 years.

Hemodialysis, as it is also called, is the process of sending a person's blood through a machine to cleanse the blood of toxins and waste that would normally be filtered out by the kidneys. Although far from a cure, dialysis allows a person without kidney function to survive.

While growing up, Charisse's kidneys functioned normally. In May 1990, at age 23, she began to notice that her urine looked strange — it had bubbles in it. After running some tests, her doctor told her that her kidneys were leaking protein and not functioning at full capacity.

A biopsy revealed that she had IgM Nephropathy, an autoimmune disease that reduces the kidneys' ability to filter blood. A year later, she started dialysis. At the time, Charisse had been working as a sales secretary and caring for her 3-year-old son James. She had to leave her job, due to needing time off for dialysis and not feeling well enough to work on some days.

"This was a very difficult thing for me to accept," said Charisse. "This can't happen to me. I'm too strong for that." With her positive attitude, she was determined to do what was important to her and not let dialysis control her life completely. Charisse wanted another child and hoped for a girl. Her daughter Breonna was born in 1993.

In 2003, she underwent a kidney transplant at Henry Ford Health System. But immediately, she knew something was wrong. The anti-rejection medications, which organ recipients must take for the rest of their lives, caused serious side effects. Charisse promised her family that she

would tough it out for a year but the side effects did not subside. She discontinued the medications and discovered that she had a better quality of life on dialysis.

In October of 2017, Charisse began working as a paid intern at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM) in Ann Arbor. In May 2018, she formed a fundraising team and walked in the NKFM's annual Kidney Walk at the Detroit Zoo. She plans to attend with her "Team Triumph" again in 2019.

She has learned to be a Kidney PATH instructor and will co-lead her first workshop in Ypsilanti later this spring. Kidney PATH, a no-cost program offered by the NKFM, is an eight-week workshop that teaches people with kidney disease how to stay healthy and manage living with their disease.

She is also training to be an NKFM peer mentor, someone who meets one-on-one with people newly diagnosed with kidney disease to answer questions, provide support, and assist with navigating the health care system. She currently works part-time at the NKFM as a program assistant in preventive services.

Despite the necessary dialysis visits, Charisse lives a full and joyful life. James and Breonna live close by and she has five grandchildren to spoil. She credits her successful life to her positive attitude and an excellent support system, including her extended family and her adopted NKFM "family".

She enjoys movies, bowling and gardening. "I haven't given up hope," said Charisse. "There are new procedures all the time -- you never know what science may come up with."

She also encourages people with kidney disease not to give up, stating, "Take each day as it comes. If you feel well, get up and go have a good day. If you don't feel well, go back to bed and try again tomorrow. When you have your good days, maximize them and live!"

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four-hour span. He described the ornament workshops that had 100 kids. The Festival of Lights is over a 6-week span and the First Thursday events start after the March quilt show which brings 400-500 people. This year there is no quilt show. He also told of use of the archives by the public and how they keep the library open late when there are high school reunions and people want to come to the museum;

- Discussed the ten outdoor sculptures that have been selected for Belleville and Van Buren Township and will be put in place sometime in late May, when the current sculptures are removed;

- Heard Thompson announce the Iron Belle Trail town hall meeting from 7-9 p.m., April 8, at the Commons area at Belleville High School to hear the proposed route through VBT and Belleville. She said it is expected to be on the agenda of the April 15 city council meeting where the council can support the plan in order to get the grant money available;

- Heard Thompson say there is some concern about what happens to the kayak launch when VBT lowers the lake. If the lowering is just 3' or so there wouldn't be a problem. If it is 6-7', the DDA will have to pull everything at the launch out of the water for the month of September to protect it from damage. "We have a good bit of work before us," she said, noting it will be an unexpected expense. "They're still very vague about the whole thing," Loria said, referring to announced plans by VBT; and

- Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer say the work on the city's seawall is another worry with the lowering of the lake. She

said the hammering equipment for the project is in route and, "Rick and I are feeling an extreme state of relief," referring to DPW Director Rick Rutherford. The seawall repairs have been a concern for several years.

VBT Board

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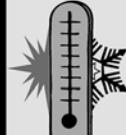
- Approved the second reading, and final approval, of an amendment to the township zoning ordinance regarding security fencing and fencing in the front-yard of non-residential zoning districts. This is for businesses that require extreme security and does not apply to residential zoning;

- Approved the second reading and final approval of an amendment of the Fire Prevention Code to bring it up to date;

- Approved the telecommunications right of way permit application for US Signal Company, which will be located at the northeast corner of Haggerty and Tyler roads;

- Approved the drug and alcohol testing policy required by FTA be mandatory for all September Days Senior Center CDL transportation drivers of the S.M.A.R.T. vehicles. At the work/study session the day before, McNamara said the township's new bus is in the S.M.A.R.T. driveway and, Dan Selman added, "If we want the bus, we have to adopt this." Human Resources Director Nichole Sumpter said the new policy is the same as the township's only more detailed; and

- Heard Treasurer Sharry Budd read a memorial statement on the work of the late Virginia Melcher.



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- **Monday, April 8** – Meeting at 7 p.m. at Belleville High School to discuss details of the proposed Iron Belle Trail through Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville before it is finalized.
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Morgan attended Keystone Academy

in Belleville for K-8th grades and is now a freshman at Belleville High School. She is currently in the top 25 of her class and looks forward to her Honors classes, as well as playing front middle on the volleyball team.

Additionally, she has joined the cast of "The Sound of Music" for the spring musical, which combines her passion of acting and singing.

Morgan was nominated by her Honors Geometry teacher Matthew Davenport and has also received a partial scholarship based upon her academic achievements and essay. Morgan wants to study pediatric medicine at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is excited about this opportunity and looks forward to experiencing all that the program has to offer.

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Transporting new Ford vehicles from local manufacturing plants. **Full/Part Time! \$10.00/hour.** Day & night shifts available. Must be over the age of 23 with a good driving record.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



INVITATION TO BID SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN REPLACEMENT OF ARENA FENCING

The Township of Sumpter is accepting sealed bids for the
REPLACEMENT OF THE ARENA FENCING
in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

The proposed project consists of 96" PVC/VINYL fencing, gates, removal and hauling away of existing wood fencing at the Sumpter Fairgrounds Arena. Sealed bids will be received by:

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Until Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 3:00 pm (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 3:30 pm (local time)

Sumpter Township Clerk's Office
23480 Sumpter Rd.
Belleville, MI 48111

Specifications for the Arena may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Access to the fairgrounds must be by appointment only, please contact Sumpter Township at (734)461-6201 ext. 2243.

Township of Sumpter
Esther Hurst, Clerk

Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych



The 2019 Spring Fashion Show presented by the Belleville Area Women's Club is coming up on Tuesday, April 9, at the Wayne Tree Manor at 35100 Van Born in Wayne. Tickets are \$40 per person. The evening will start with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the fashion show at 8 p.m. For info, call Chairperson DeLaney Provencher at (734) 625-0919. Proceeds from the event will benefit the club's community and educational fund.

Perspective Eyecare at 11824 Belleville Rd. is offering 40% off a second pair of glasses during their Spring BOGO Sale. See their ad in today's paper, call Dr. Robert Kennedy at (734) 699-1010, and visit www.perspectiveeyecare.com. Be sure to check out their Facebook page, too.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation will be holding its annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13, starting at noon at Graham Park, located on the corner of Sumpter and Wear roads. The event is free and the Easter Bunny will be attending. Rain date is Sunday, April 14, if weather is severe.

Jazzercise in Belleville is celebrating more than 18 years of providing the community with fitness, dance, and so much more in daily pro-

grams and classes at the Van Buren Township Rec Center. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Jazzercise worldwide with 8,300 franchises in 32 countries and 200,000 participants. To learn more visit www.jazzercise.com and call Holly Hadell at (734) 637-8076.

Today's paper features an insert by Tractor Supply, Inc. with locations in Ann Arbor, Saline, Monroe, Dundee and coming this summer to Canton on Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads. Visit www.tractorsupply.com. To learn how you can have your advertisement inserted into this newspaper, call me at (734) 699 9020.

A Spring Break Basketball Camp is coming to

the Van Buren Township Recreation Center on April 1-5, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. The Plymouth YMCA is putting on the camp, geared to students in 3rd through 6th grades. Free lunch will be provided by the YMCA Healthy Living Program. The cost is \$75 for the five-day camp which will cover the fundamentals of basketball as well as teamwork through the YMCA Youth Basketball Program. To learn more call YMCA's Kelly Kuzara at (734) 453-2904 or Parks & Rec Director Jennifer Wright at (734) 699-8921.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Executive Assistant to Public Services Director
Department: Public Services
Classification: Regular, Full-time
FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.
Salary: \$52,000 based on experience and qualifications
Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid
 Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network
 Vision Employer Paid
 Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid
 Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution
 Life Insurance \$50,000
 PTO
 Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:
 Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for an Executive Assistant to Public Services Director.

Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Public Services Director or their designee, the employee will be responsible for performing a broad range of duties as assigned by executive team of Public Services Directors, including providing general administrative support, creating reports, organizing travel and accommodation and other organizational and outreach tasks. Must possess a Bachelor's degree or equivalent prior work experience. Job duties include but are not limited to are as follows:

- Develop and implement capital improvement plans.
- Create and maintain a social media presence for the Public Services Department and implement a customer database from media and customer responses.
- Develop, implement and maintain a public participation (community outreach) plan.
- Researching and conducting data analysis for preparation of documents for review and presentation by the Board, committees and commissions as needed.
- Assists the Director of Public Services administratively including procurement, project tracking, customer contact, scheduling, returning calls and timekeeping.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Confidential Administrative Assistant
Department: Supervisor/Assessing
Classification: Regular, Full-time
FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.
Salary: \$43,000 based on experience and qualifications
Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid
 Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network
 Vision Employer Paid
 Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid
 Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution
 Life Insurance \$50,000
 PTO
 Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:
 Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for a Confidential Administrative Assistant

Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Township Supervisor or their designee, the employee will perform a broad range of duties as assigned by the Assessing Coordinator, Executive Assistant and Human Resource Director. The employee will be responsible for maintaining confidentiality, uncompromising integrity and discretion in all matters with a strong emphasis on Customer service. Must possess a Bachelor's degree or equivalent prior work experience in a general office setting; Knowledge of Township structure and organization a plus. Some duties include but not limited to are as follows:

- Handle routine customer concerns as they arise in a professional positive manner.
- Coordinate residential service request.
- Answer phones, direct residents to the proper departments within the Township as well as other governmental or non-governmental agencies.
- Obtain the Michigan Assessing Technician Certification and Michigan Certified Assessing Officer Certification within the timeframe set forth by Assessing Coordinator.
- Maintain filings for Property Affidavits, Principle Residence Exemptions and Sales Disclosures; Compose and process any related correspondence.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Ordinance No.: 03-05-19(2)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 19th day of March, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Trustees: White, Martin, Frazier, Miller, Wright, Budd and McNamara

ABSENT: Trustee: None.

It was moved by Trustee Miller and supported by Trustee Frazier the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 46-31 of Article II (Fire Prevention Code) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"), COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 46-31. - Adoption.

The 2018 edition of NFPA 1 (Fire Prevention Code) and the 2018 edition of NFPA, 101 (Life Safety Code), 2018 appendices and documents adopted by Chapter 2 of that NFPA Code, one copy of which is on file and is open to inspection by the public in the office of the township clerk, be and hereby is adopted and incorporated into this article as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this article shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the jurisdictional limits of the township fire department. The same are hereby adopted as the code of the township fire department for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 19th day of March, 2019.

YEAS (in favor of amendment): White, Martin, Frazier, Miller, Wright, Budd and McNamara

NAYS (opposed to amendment): None.

ABSENT: None

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Kevin McNamara,
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

Leon Wright,
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: March 19, 2019
Published: March 28, 2019
Effective: March 28, 2019

Spring Storytimes under way at Belleville Area District Library

Spring Storytimes at the Belleville Area District Library are now under way:

- **Family Storytimes** – On Mondays, March 18 through April 29, 7 p.m., for ages 4-10

- **Tuesday Toddler Times**, from March 19 through April 30, Tuesdays at 11 a.m., for ages 2-4

- **Thursday Toddler Times**, from March 21 – through May 2, Thursdays at 11 a.m., for ages 2-4

Sign up for the sessions at <http://belleville.evanced.info/signup> or call the library and ask for the reference desk.

Guiding Harbor Family Picnic, Open House set for Saturday, May 18

Guiding Harbor Family Picnic and Open House will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at 11875 Quirk Rd., Belleville.

Guiding Harbor has been a part of the Belleville Community for the past 60 years and it is inviting the community to join it for a free, family picnic.

There will be food, games, and information about the work they do at Guiding Harbor.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES MARCH 19, 2019

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Public Services Director Best, Executive Assistant Selman, Fire Marshall McNally and an audience of five (5).

Memoriam was read for Virginia Melcher. Mrs. Melcher was a founding member of the Van Buren Township September Days Senior Center. Within three months of starting the Center, she had 300 members sign up. She was a very active member in the senior community, and also enjoyed traveling, knitting and cooking.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of March 4, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019, Prepaid List of March 7, 2019, Prepaid List of March 14, 2019, Voucher List of March 19, 2019, Approval of the telecommunication right-of-way permit application for US Signal Company, Approval of the drug and alcohol testing policy required by FTA to be mandatory for all September Days Senior Center, CDL transportation drivers of S.M.A.R.T. vehicles]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Correspondence included the following: Canton Township Public Safety thanked the Van Buren Township Fire Department for their assistance with fighting a structural fire at the Canton Crossings apartment complex.

Announcements included the following: there will be a free tire disposal event on June 1, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. here at the Township Hall; Huron-Clinton Metroparks is conducting a prescribed burn at Lower Huron Metropark sometime between March 15 and June 1 when weather conditions allow; the YMCA Spring Break Basketball Camp will be held at the Township Hall Gymnasium from

April 1st-April 5th for a cost of \$75; the Hoppin' Hullabaloo magic show is Saturday, April 13 in the recreation center and free of charge; Yard Waste pick up begins for the 2019 season on April 1st; the Senior Center is hosting a free legal advice session on April 25 at 1:00 p.m.; Great Lakes Natural Soap Company will be holding a soap making class for \$20 in the Senior Center on April 23rd; there will be a Town Hall Meeting on the proposed route for the Iron Belle Trail on April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Belleville High School Cafeteria Commons.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #03-05-19(1) to amend the Township's Zoning Ordinance regarding security fencing and fencing in the front yard of non-residential zoning districts. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: White, Martin, Frazier, Miller, Wright, Budd and McNamara. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve of the second reading of Ordinance #03-05-19(2) to amend Article II (Fire Prevention Code) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to amend Sec. 46-31. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: White, Martin, Frazier, Miller, Wright, Budd and McNamara. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A resident from the Country Walk HOA requested extra police patrol in the mornings when kids are boarding the school busses to combat some poor driving habits.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Friday Fill-Up is a program through Trinity Episcopal church that sends weekend food backpacks home with Van Buren Public school children in need, food donations can be made to the church or to the Clerk's Office at the Township Hall; the Tri-Community Resource Guide is now available on the Van Buren Township website, the guide gives information to a plethora of resources to those in need of any kind of assistance.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: March 28, 2019

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 409 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 17:
0008 – K9 call out, Clayton Rd.
0054 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0130 – domestic, E. Huron River Dr.
0314 – road hazard, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
0326 – disorderly, Meadows Cir.
0532 – property damage accident, Michigan Service Dr. / Cemetery Rd.
0843 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0948 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
1021 – vehicle impound, Industrial
1039 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
1201 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1214 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
1225 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1252 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1653 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
1737 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville / DNR
1812 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1821 – suspicious person/vehicle, EB I-94/east of Belleville
2007 – family trouble, Rose Blvd.
2106 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Greenbriar Dr.
2142 – 911 welfare check, Rose Blvd.
2230 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2302 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Denton Rd.
2338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe
2341 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
Monday, March 18:
0207 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville
0221 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr.
0548 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St.
0738 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty Rd.
0910 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
1054 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.
1108 – fraud, Coca-Cola Dr.
1250 – suicidal person, Meadows Cir.
1602 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1645 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
2038 – fraud, McBride Ave.
2048 – weapons violation, S. Bellridge Dr.
2116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
2141 – traffic offense, Hannan/N. Northline Rd.
2201 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
2225 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr.
Tuesday, March 19:
0136 – noise complaint, Vernon St.
1043 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1054 – animal complaint, Pond Bluff Dr.
1138 – disorderly, Maple Dr.
1151 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1153 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
1355 – prisoner transport, 34th District Ct.
1451 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1452 – larceny from auto, Beckley
1532 – harassment call, Belleville
1634 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Adams
1701 – personal injury accident, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1710 – trespassing, Fret Rd.
1847 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1904 – animal complaint, Wheeler St.
1959 – private property impound, Tyler Rd.
2009 – animal complaint, Jackson St.
2022 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2228 – disorderly, Fret Rd.
Wednesday, March 20:
0711 – parking complaint, Harmony Ln.
0722 – traffic offense, N. Cumberland Dr. / Stamford Rd.
1323 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1428 – lost property/child, Victoria St.
1527 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1548 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1731 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1953 – property damage accident, Sawgrass Ct.
2007 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

2033 – lost property/child, Togowtee Pass
2256 – disorderly, S. Bellridge Dr.
Thursday, March 21:
0023 – assist other dept., Belleville/Denton
0035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0101 – assist other dept., E. Archwood Dr.
0245 – family trouble, Oak Blvd.
0543 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
0751 – sexual assault, McBride Ave.
1004 – domestic, Rose Blvd.
1030 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1044 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
1055 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1106 – suicidal person, Vernon St.
1220 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
1228 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1241 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1242 – ordinance violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1247 – road hazard, Van Allen Ave./Ayres Ave.
1304 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury
1319 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1433 – fraud, N. Dartmoor Cir.
1434 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
1559 – domestic, Vernon St.
1624 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1644 – private property/property damage accident, Ash Dr.
1730 – larceny, Lighthouse Dr.
1742 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1754 – property damage accident, Castell/Ecorse
2004 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sheldon/Beverly
2147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.
2219 – assist other dept., Textile Rd./Rawsonville
2245 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2246 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2354 – runaway, Quirk Rd.
Friday, March 22:
0018 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
0156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ayres Ave.
0721 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0744 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride/Quirk
0858 – suspicious person/vehicle, Marina Dr.
0905 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0928 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1004 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1009 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1018 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.
1051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1120 – assist other dept., Lake Villa Dr.
1141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Dr.
1236 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Beckley Rd.
1305 – suicidal person, Beckley Rd.
1339 – Pbt, Tyler Rd.
1410 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./W I-94
1518 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1530 – sexual assault, Parkwood St.
1557 – domestic, Park Estates Dr.
1642 – assault & battery, E. Huron River Dr.
1657 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.
1749 – abandoned auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1834 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1847 – assist other dept., Belleville/Quirk
1914 – disorderly, Rawsonville
1925 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Stephanie Dr.
1936 – property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.
2141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2245 – abandoned auto, Rawsonville/Martz
Saturday, March 23:
0116 – hospice death, Vernon St.
0248 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0757 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0929 – larceny, Winding Pond Dr.
1102 – fraud, America
1142 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1238 – ordinance violation, Preswick Ct. / Andover Dr.
1249 – family trouble, Sylvia Dr.
1324 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1459 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1528 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1545 – fraud, Millington Ct.
1631 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1821 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1824 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2010 – fight, N. Cumberland Dr./Barnwell Dr.
2145 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bog Rd./Hoeft
2312 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
2330 – operating while intoxicated, N. I-94 Service
Also on this week’s log are 97 traffic stops, of which 10 are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 17:
1129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robbe/Clarence
1318 – assault & battery, Loza Ln.
1734 – animal complaint, Liberty/Fourth
1827 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1935 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2157 – domestic, Third St./Main St.
2230 – malicious destruction of property, Carmell
2321 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
Monday, March 18:
0314 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0847 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1406 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1445 – assist fire dept., Brain St.
Tuesday, March 19:
0128 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0442 – assist other dept., Main St.
0911 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1944 – follow up by officer, Breakwater Dr.
1959 – animal complaint, Robbe St.
2008 – warrant arrest, South Huron
Wednesday, March 20:
0122 – disorderly, Main St.
0200 – civil matter, N. Edgemont Ave.
0624 – vehicle lockout, Bedell St.
0908 – property damage accident, Main St.
1217 – juvenile complaint, E. Davis/South St.
1603 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1634 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1652 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1710 – vehicle lockout, South St.
1724 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.
2234 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
Thursday, March 21:
0003 – motorist assist, Belleville/Denton
0142 – assist citizen, High St.
1320 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Columbia
1417 – intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.
1621 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1923 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
2118 – 911 welfare check, Robbe St.
Friday, March 22:
0732 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
0925 – found property/child, W. Columbia Ave.
1039 – warrant arrest, Goddard
1249 – disorderly, McBride Ave.
1352 – assault & battery, Main St.
1352 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
1442 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
2125 – civil matter, Estrada Dr.
Saturday, March 23:
0958 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2203 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.
2227 – juvenile complaint, W. Wabash Ave.
Also on this week’s log are 38 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 17:
0720 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1055 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Traskos
1139 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1208 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell/Arkona
1301 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Rustic Ln.
1305 – property damage accident, 27000 bl. Elwell
1349 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Harris
1523 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2259 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2334 – warrant arrest pick up, Willis/Sherwood
Monday, March 18:
0152 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0547 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1307 – fire dept. assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1357 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1606 – well-being check, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1828 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1842 – subpoena service, 46000 bl. Traskos
1926 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1946 – larceny, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
Tuesday, March 19:
0007 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0138 – suspicious incident, Hampshire Dr.
0227 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Judd
0529 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Sherwood
0623 – breaking & entering report, Arizona
0714 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1001 – mental health commitment, Rustic / Country Club
1018 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1141 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1145 – family trouble, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1348 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1536 – fraud complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1749 – civil dispute, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1927 – well-being check, Redwood
1936 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
Wednesday, March 20:
0259 – fire dept. assist, Montana
0629 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0910 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Carleton West
1033 – assist other agency, Stonecrest
1506 – assist other agency, Stonecrest
1757 – assist other agency, out of township
2104 – alarm, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2234 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
Thursday, March 21:
0201 – suspicious person, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0833 – fraud complaint, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1217 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1837 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1937 – warrant arrest pick up, 21000 bl. Sumpter
2113 – assist other agency, out of township
Friday, March 22:
0019 – suspicious incident, Sherwood/Willow
0826 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster
0847 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1016 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1121 – threats complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1259 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1343 – subpoena service, 46000 bl. Traskos
1413 – subpoena service, out of township
2002 – lost property, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2116 – suspicious person, Willis/Rawsonville
2229 – alarm, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2315 – noise complaint, Hampshire Dr.
2345 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Saturday, March 23:
0150 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0639 – suspicious incident, Timberlane
0817 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1101 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1401 – reckless driver, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1709 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1728 – ORV complaint, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2144 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
Also, on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 12 miscellaneous details, 69 patrol checks, and 41 traffic stops.

Birthdays

March 26 – Sarah Taylor
March 28 – Jennifer Ann Taylor
March 30 – Derek Johnson, Thekla Szlinis
March 31 – Michael Boelter
April 1 – Sharon Warring, Virg Stoltz, Dan Martin
April 2 – Chuck Nerswick, Liz Hall
April 3 – Carol Bird, Chelsea Hackett
April 4 – Tina Buxton, Jaclyn Villas
April 22 – David Mulcahy

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Mary Lee Shaffer Kuchta, Belleville High School Class of 1950, and Anthony S. Kuchta, Sr., BHS class of 1949, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on March 16 at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce, FL. The couple, who eloped and married while still in high school, has eight children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, most of whom attended the large party. Anthony retired from an engineering career at Ford Motor Co., with assignments in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and London, England. As part of the party's entertainment, great-grandchildren from Hawaii did a hula dance.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

ORDINANCE 03-05-19(1)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendment to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) was approved and is hereby adopted:

ORDINANCE 03-05-19(1): Proposed amendments modifying the requirements for security fencing and fencing in the front yard of non-residential zoning districts. This includes prohibiting sharp instruments on the top of a fence and prohibiting electric fences, except low voltages fences for commercial farms; allowing eight (8) foot tall security fencing in commercial zoning districts; allowing two and one half (2 1/2) foot fences in the front yards of commercial zoning districts; requiring decorative fences in commercial zoning districts; allowing the Planning Commission discretion to approve security fencing up to eight (8) feet in height in industrial zoning districts and the OT zoning district; allowing the Planning Commission to permit security fencing in the front yard of the OT zoning district; and requiring that security fences in the industrial and OT zoning districts be decorative fences except that fences in the side or rear yard may be non-decorative.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan during recent business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

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